REGULATION No. IV OF 1900.

(PASSED ON THE 15TH DAY OF MAY 1900.)

A Regulation to provide for the protection of person and property from the risks incident to the supply and use of electricity for lighting and other purposes.

Whereas it is expedient to control the supply and use of electricity for lighting and other purposes; Preamble.

AND WHEREAS, in the existing circumstances of the supply and use of electricity in Mysore, the exercise of that control by means of licenses or other like methods may be deferred, and it will suffice for the present to provide for the protection of person and property from the risks incident to such supply and use; Her Highness the Maharani-Regent is pleased to enact as follows:—

1. (1) This Regulation may be called the Mysore Electricity Regulation, 1900; Title, extent and commencement.

(2) It shall extend to the whole of Mysore; and

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. In this Regulation, unless there is something repugnant in the subject or context,— Definitions.

(1) "electricity" includes galvanism, magnetism, magneto-electricity and electro-magnetism:

(2) expressions defined in the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, as made applicable to Mysore by Regulation IV of 1899, have the meanings assigned to them in that Act as so made applicable:

(3) "purpose" includes any purpose except the transmission of a message: and

(4) "vessel" includes anything used for the conveyance by water of human beings or of property.

3. In either of the following cases, namely:— Notice of intention to supply or use electricity.

(*a*) if a person intends to undertake the business of supplying electricity, or

(*b*) if a person intends to use electricity for any public purpose, or in any public place, or in any place where there is likelihood of the public being affected, or in a place in which one hundred or more persons are likely to be assembled, or in a place which is a factory within the meaning of the Mysore Factories Regulation, 1892, the person shall, one week at least before commencing the supply or use, give notice of his intention to the District Magistrate.

Power to make rules.

4. (1) The Government of Mysore may make such rules as it thinks expedient—

(*a*) for the protection of person and property from injury by reason of contact with, or the proximity of, appliances or apparatus used in the generation or supply of electricity, and

(*b*) for preventing telegraph lines from being injuriously affected by any of those appliances or apparatus.

(2) The rules may, among other matters, authorise any officer, either by name or in virtue of his office, to enter, inspect and examine any place, carriage or vessel in which the officer has reason to believe any such appliances or apparatus to be.

(3) Any rules made in pursuance of this section shall be deemed to be within the powers conferred by this section on the Government, and shall be of the same force as if enacted by this Regulation.

(4) The power to make rules under this section is subject to the condition of the rules being made after previous publication.

Penalties.

5. If a person undertakes the business of supplying electricity, or uses electricity for any such purpose or in any such place as is referred to in section 3, without giving the notice required by that section, or infringes any rule under section 4, or obstructs an officer in the exercise of his authority under any such rule to enter, inspect and examine any place, carriage or vessel, he shall be punished with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees, and, if he continues so to supply or use electricity or infringe the rule or obstruct the officer, after notice in writing to desist from so doing has been given to him by the District Magistrate, he shall be further punished with fine which may extend to one hundred rupees for every day during which such supply, use, infringement or obstruction continues.

Exercise for the purposes of the Government of the powers of the telegraph authority.

6. The Government of Mysore may, for the placing of appliances and apparatus for the supply of electricity for any purpose of the Government, confer upon any public officer any of the powers which the telegraph authority possesses under the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, as made applicable to Mysore by Regulation IV of 1899, with respect to the placing of telegraph lines and posts for the purposes of a telegraph established or maintained by the Government or to be so established or maintained.